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**REVISED**  
**ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO FILL A NON-MERIT SYSTEM POSITION**  
**AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

<b>JOB TITLE:</b>	Registered Nurse I	<b>NUMBER:</b>	16-02
<b>JOB CODE:</b>	N2500	<b>DATE:</b>	April 8, 2016
<b>JOB LOCATION:</b>	Mary Starke Harper Geriatric Psychiatry Center Tuscaloosa, Alabama	<b>POSITION NOs:</b>	8846131 8801299 8801848

**SALARY RANGE:** 73 (\$43,339.20 - \$56,685.60 Annually)  
(Plus \$2.00 Per Hour Shift Differential for Evening & Night Shifts)

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Graduation from an accredited school of nursing or graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a degree in nursing.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Possession of a certificate of registration to practice nursing as issued by the Alabama Board of Nursing.

**KIND OF WORK:** This is a professional nursing position at a state mental health facility specializing in the care and treatment of elderly, mentally ill patients. A registered nurse in this position is: Responsible for the delivery of patient care through the nursing processes of assessing, planning, and evaluating the needs of patients; Participates in the processes of treatment planning, collaborating with other professional disciplines to ensure effective and efficient patient care delivery and the achievement of desired patient outcomes; Develops and implements patient care plans; Supervises and assigns the work of LPN's and unlicensed nursing staff; Attends meetings and in-services as required; and Teaches and trains staff.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, and ABILITIES:** Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing. Knowledge, skills and ability to recognize medical and psychiatric emergencies. Ability to interact with various types of people, including patients, peers, subordinates, supervisors, public, etc., in delicate, frustrating or tense situations. Ability to make independent decisions, to take charge, to take moderate risks in situations not covered by existing procedure. Ability to provide care utilizing nursing process, standards of care and nursing plan of care. Ability to supervise the work of others, delegate, instruct, discipline, commend, and interview as needed to evaluate staff performance, ensure completion of tasks as scheduled, assign work load, address complaints and orient new employees. Ability to evaluate effectiveness of treatment/training programs and establish priorities. Ability to operate medical equipment. Ability to provide education to patients.

**METHOD OF SELECTION:** Applicants will be rated on the basis of an evaluation of their job related training, abilities, experience, and education, and should provide adequate work history identifying experiences related to the duties and minimum qualifications as above mentioned. All relevant information is subject to verification. Drug screening is required. Security clearances will be conducted on prospective applicants being given serious consideration for employment whose job requires direct contact with patients.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Use an "Application for Professional Employment" (Exempt Classification) which may be obtained from the website below or you may pick up an application from The Harper Center. Applications should be returned to Harper Center, Human Resources Department, 107 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401 by **UNTIL FILLED** in order to be considered for this position. Indicate your Alabama nursing licensure number on your application as directed. Current nursing licensure must be presented for inspection at time of interview. **An official copy of your academic transcript from the university or college from which you received your nursing degree is required and must be forwarded by the college or university to the Human Resources Department at the above address.**

*“Only work experience detailed on the application form will be considered. Additional sheets, if needed, should be in the same format as the application. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of an official application.”*

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